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106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 914

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the penalty for late enrollment under the Medicare Program to 10 percent and twice the period of no enrollment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 1999

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LaFALCE, Mrs. CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, Mr. VENTO, Mr. WYNN, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. COYNE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. WATERS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BOUTCHER, Mr. OLVER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GOODE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. HINCHEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the penalty for late enrollment under the Medicare Program to 10 percent and twice the period of no enrollment.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITING MEDICARE LATE ENROLLMENT PEN-**
 2 **ALTY TO 10 PERCENT AND TWICE THE PE-**
 3 **RIOD OF NO ENROLLMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
 5 1839(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(b))
 6 is amended by striking “10 percent of the monthly pre-
 7 mium so determined for each full 10 months” and insert-
 8 ing “10 percent of the monthly premium so determined
 9 for premiums paid during a period equal to twice the num-
 10 ber of months in each of the full periods of 12 months”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

12 (1) Section 1818(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 1395i-2(c)) is amended—

14 (A) by striking paragraph (6); and

15 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (7)
 16 through (9) as paragraphs (6) through (8), re-
 17 spectively.

18 (2) Section 1818(g)(2)(B) of such Act (42
 19 U.S.C. 1395i-2(g)(2)(B)) is amended by striking
 20 “by substituting” and all that follows and inserting
 21 the following: “by substituting ‘section 1818 (with-
 22 out any increase resulting from the application of
 23 section 1839(b) to such section)’ for ‘section 1839
 24 (without any increase under subsection (b) there-
 25 of)’.”.

26 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1 (1) The amendments made by this section shall
2 apply to premiums paid for months beginning after
3 the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date
4 of the enactment of this Act.

5 (2) In applying these amendments, months (be-
6 fore, during, or after the month in which this Act
7 is enacted) in which an individual was or is required
8 to pay an increased premium shall be taken into ac-
9 count in determining the month in which the pre-
10 mium will no longer be subject to an increase.

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